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General Comment

WE use set backs, buffers, grass waterways. Received several clean water awards from both state & federal. Moved fuel tanks above ground, 1st in county to plant no-till corn (1970), changed all manure and fert. equipment to hydallic drive to control speed of spinners. Plant cover crops such as vetch that makes its own Nitrogen-less commercial fert. purchased and applied. Annual soil tests with field recommendations, we have as many as 20 perscriptions for our corn crop. I tell you all of this to show you the good stewards that we are without mandates.

Regulations have driven industry abroad, regulations will drive food production else where. Do you want your food to come from Mexico, Brazil, China, etc? I don't. The only thing we have to fight with is food, no industry, no fuel just food.

We like conservation tillage, not only is it a good pratice it is an economical pratice. TMDL possibly could let farmers sell credits, 2009 was a unusually wet fall we hardly got our crops out and very little cover crop planted, does that mean we would have to buy credits? We knew early there was not going to any assistance for 2010 in our county for

us for cover crop and we already planted more than ever-without assistance. Does that tell you anything?

You computer model is flawed and has been from the beginning, how can we have faith in people doing what is right, when after 15 years you couldn't get this model correct. Because of your methods of receiving reports on cover crops, these vetch and other cover crop acres we have planted this year will not be reported or recorded in your model. How can you base sound judgments with information you know is incorrect, you wouldn't like your reputation to be in jeopardy because of some cheap gossip.

We do not need more regulation, you are going to drive us out of business, PLEASE DO NOT REGULATE US ANYMORE.

AS AN ACCOMACK COUNTY VA. AND WORCESTER COUNTY MD. FARMER I URGE YOU TO USE GOOD AND SOUND JUDGEMENT. PLEASE REMEMBER WE FEED YOU